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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 1, Fig. 2, Fig. 3, Fig. 4, Fig. 5, Fig. 6, Fig. 7, Fig. 8, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, Fig. 12, Fig. 13, Fig. 14, and Fig. 15.

The sheet that includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Figure 1, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters.

The sheet that includes Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2. In Figure 2, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters. In Fig. 2, element 16 was modified.

The sheet that includes Fig. 3, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3. In Figure 3, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters, element 21 extending substantially downwardly from the floating object 16, has been added, and element 34 (axis) has been added.

The sheet that includes Fig. 4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4. In Figure 4, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters.

The sheet that includes Fig. 5, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 5. In Figure 5, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters.

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The sheet that includes Fig. 9, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 9. In Figure 9, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters.

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The sheet that includes Fig. 10, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 10. In Figure 10, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters.

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The sheet that includes Fig. 13, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 13. In Figure 13, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters.

The sheet that includes Fig. 14, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 14. In Figure 14, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, and elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters.

The sheet that includes Fig. 15, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 15. In Figure 15, all wording has been removed, all dimensions have been removed, elements have been identified using numbers instead of letters, and element 30, element 32, element 24, element 48 previously omitted, have been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

[0001] A certified copy of foreign application CA 2,427,461 has been mailed under separate cover.

[0002] A new Oath of Declaration has been completed and filed.

[0003] The Specification has been redrafted completely and now follows the guidelines set forth regarding the layout and content of an invention's specification. The Abstract has been redrafted.

[0004] The title of the invention has been changed to be more descriptive.

[0005] The title of the invention has been changed to be more descriptive.

[0006] The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by Kwok. The examiner had also objected to claim 1 because it included informalities. Claim 1 has been cancelled. New independent claim 2 now reads:

2. A decorative apparatus usable with a liquid, said decorative apparatus comprising:
- a container for receiving the liquid;
 - an object, said object being substantially buoyant and supportable by the liquid while being at least in part submerged into the liquid;
 - a first magnet mounted to said object, said first magnet defining first magnet first and second magnetic poles having opposed polarities; and
 - a second magnet movable over a predetermined path relatively to said container, said second magnet defining second magnet first and second magnetic poles having opposed polarities;
 - whereby moving said second magnet over said predetermined path modifies a magnetic field present substantially adjacent said first magnet, thereby causing a force onto said object.

None of the limitations of claim 1 are disclosed by Kwok. Indeed, Kwok describes a mechanical device wherein a platform on which a candle is positioned is biased towards an upwardly located position. The device described in Kwok does not include a container for receiving a liquid, an object supportable by a liquid nor two magnets. Furthermore, there is no suggestion in Kwok of using any of these claimed

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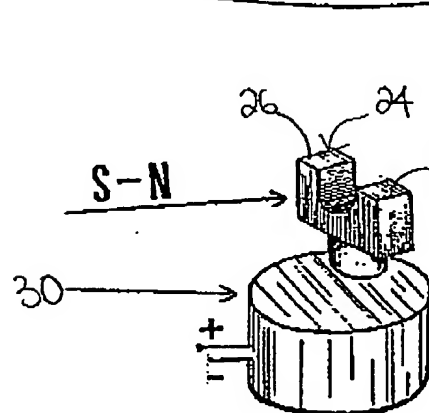
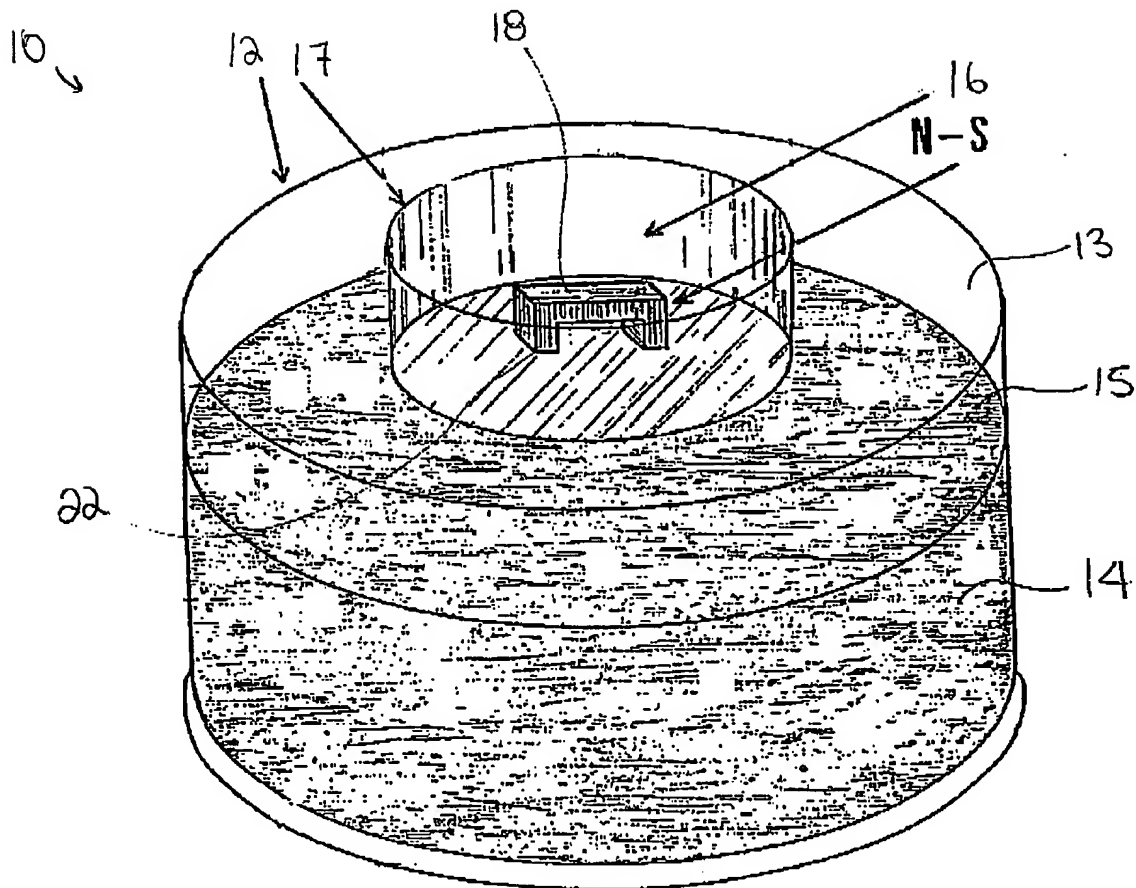
elements. Also, claims 3-20 depend directly or indirectly on claim 1, and as such, include all the limitations of this base claim. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-20 are in allowable form and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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- removed letters
- identified all relevant elements with numbers
- removed wording & dimensions

Fig. 1

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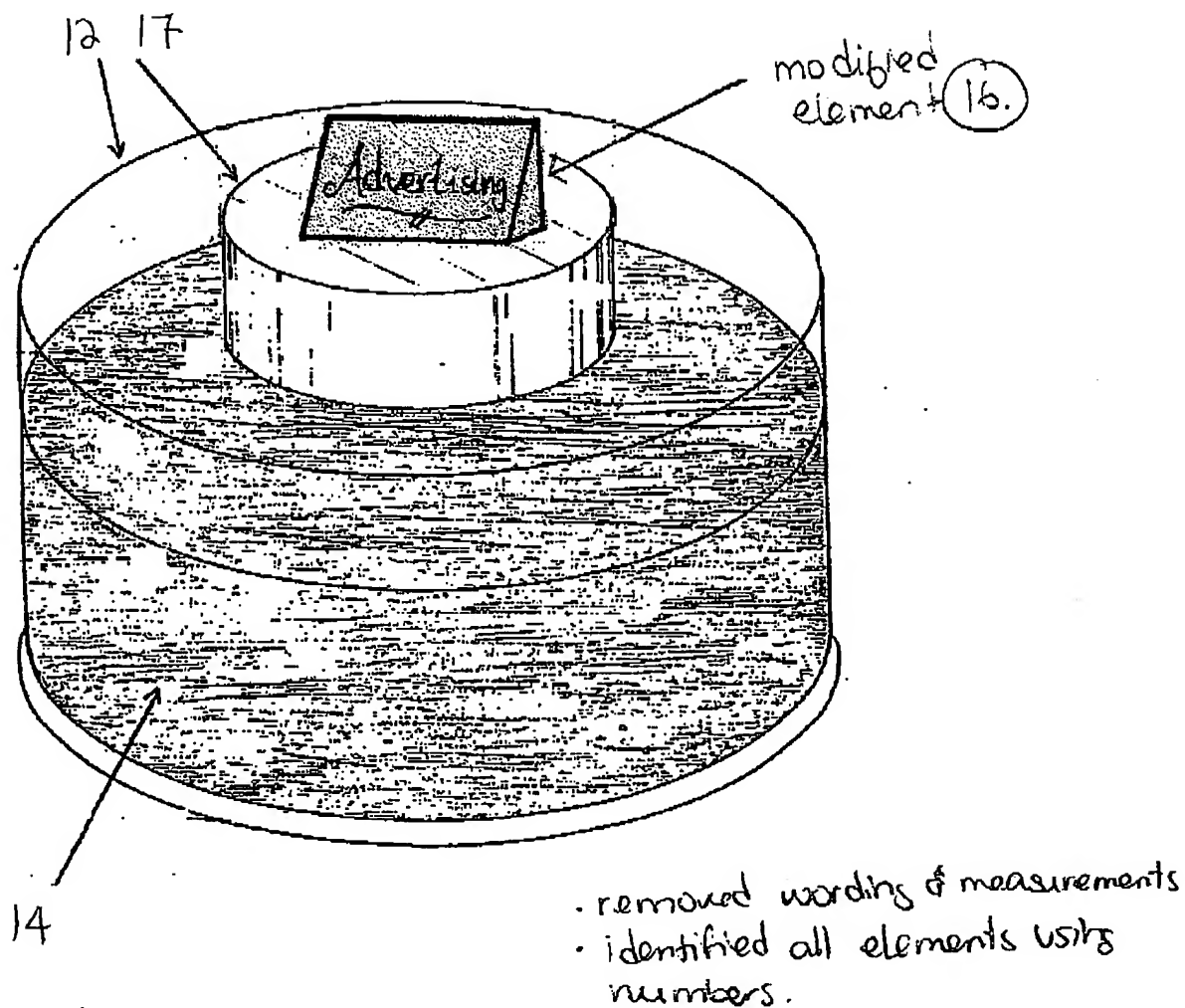


Fig. 2

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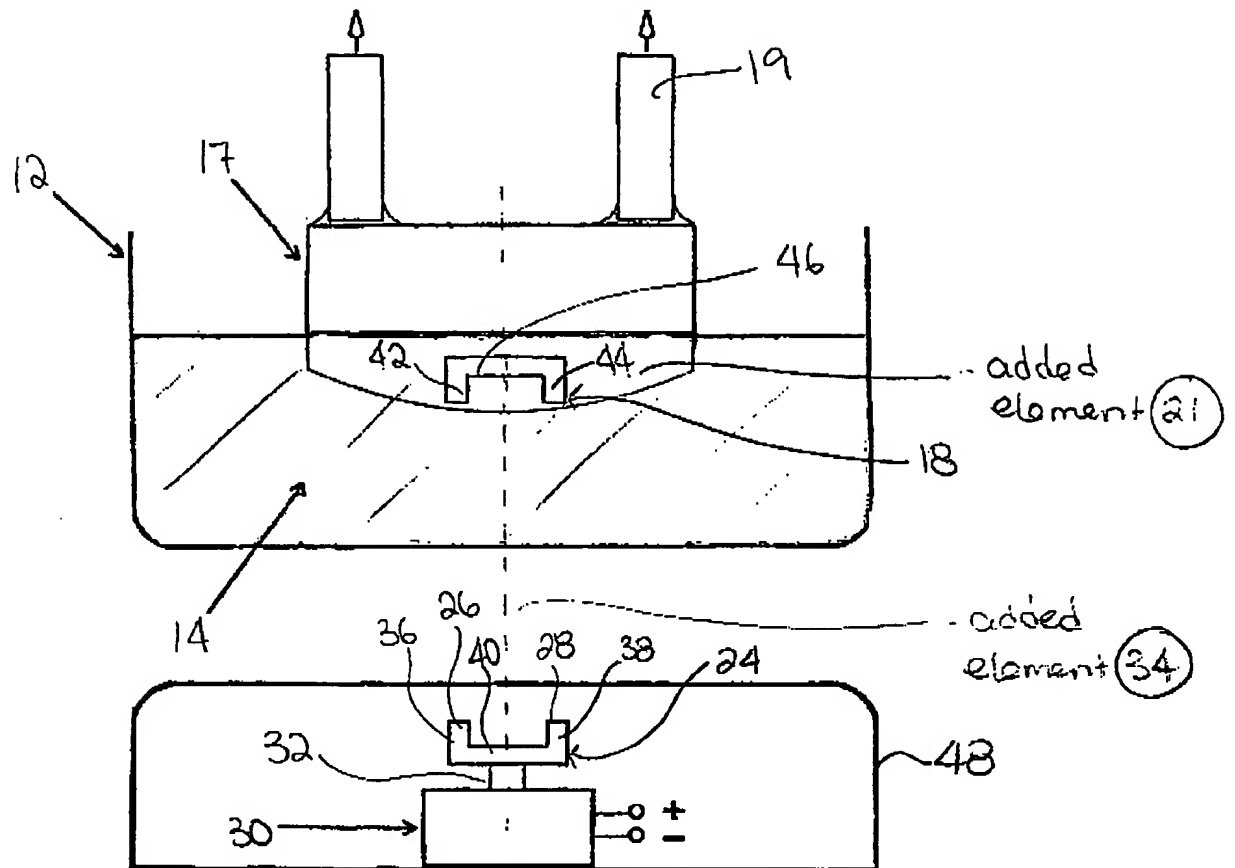


Fig. 3

- removed all wording & measurements
- identified all elements using numbers

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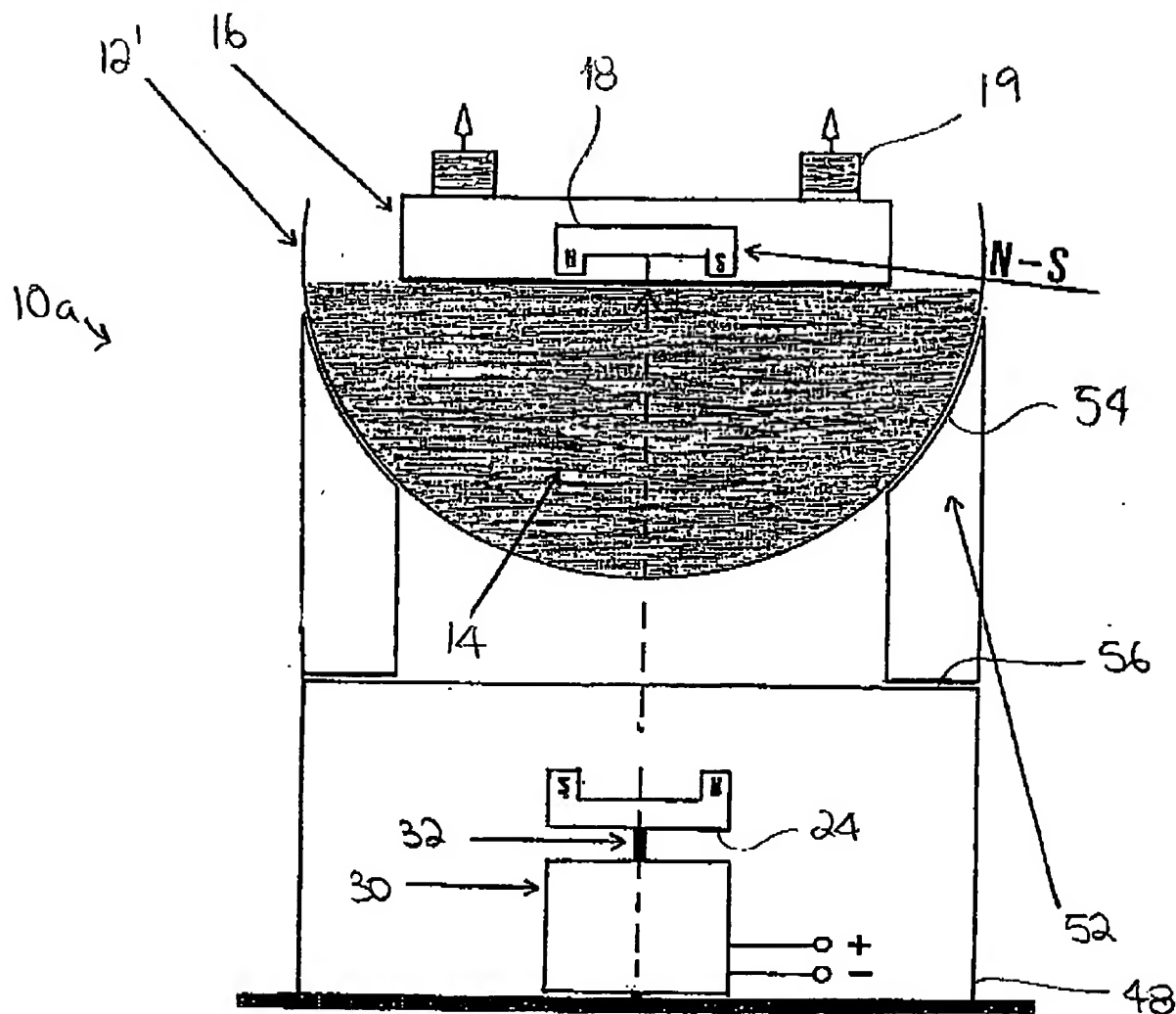


Fig. 4

- removed all dimensions & wording
- identified all elements using numbers

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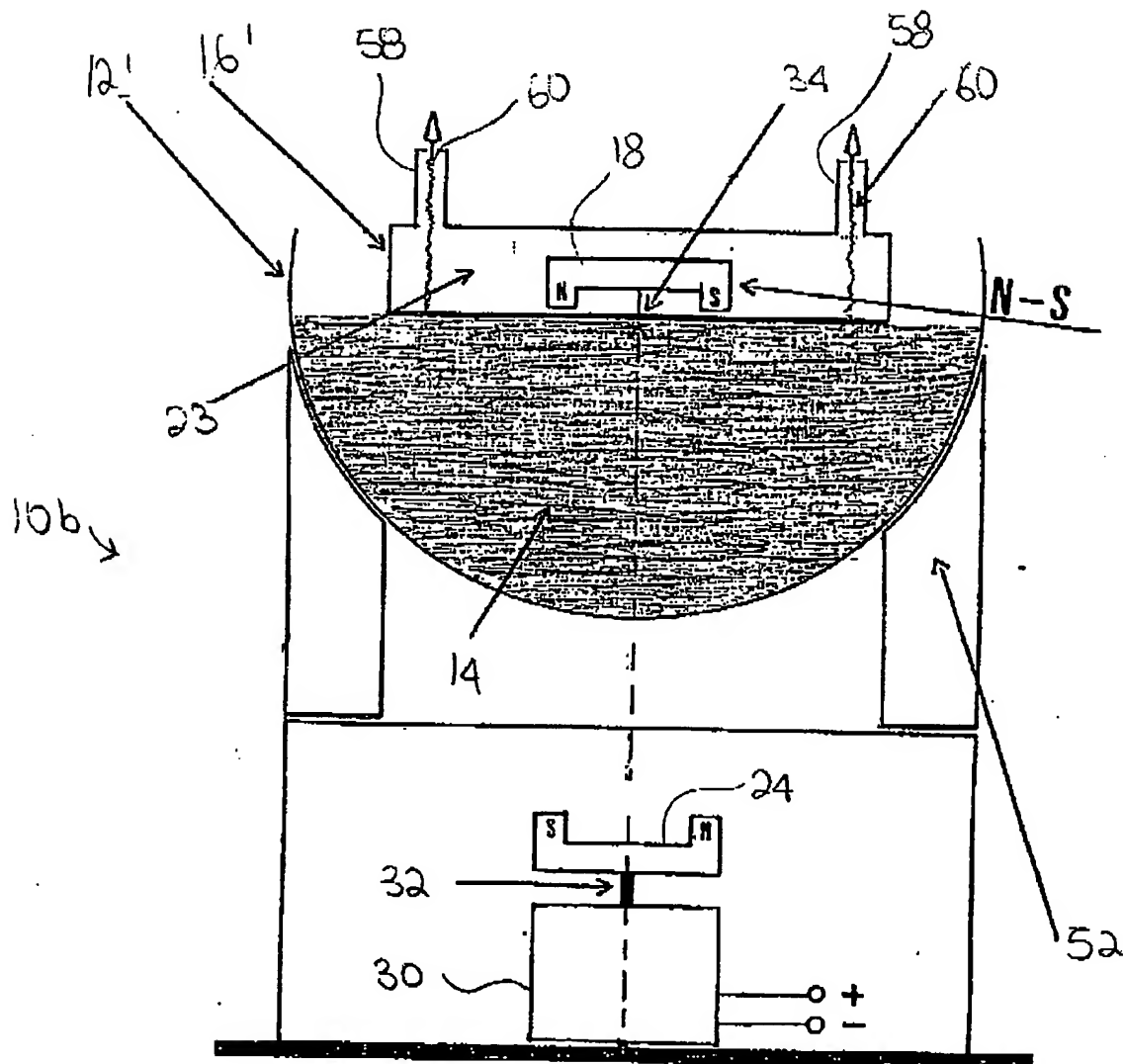


Fig. 5

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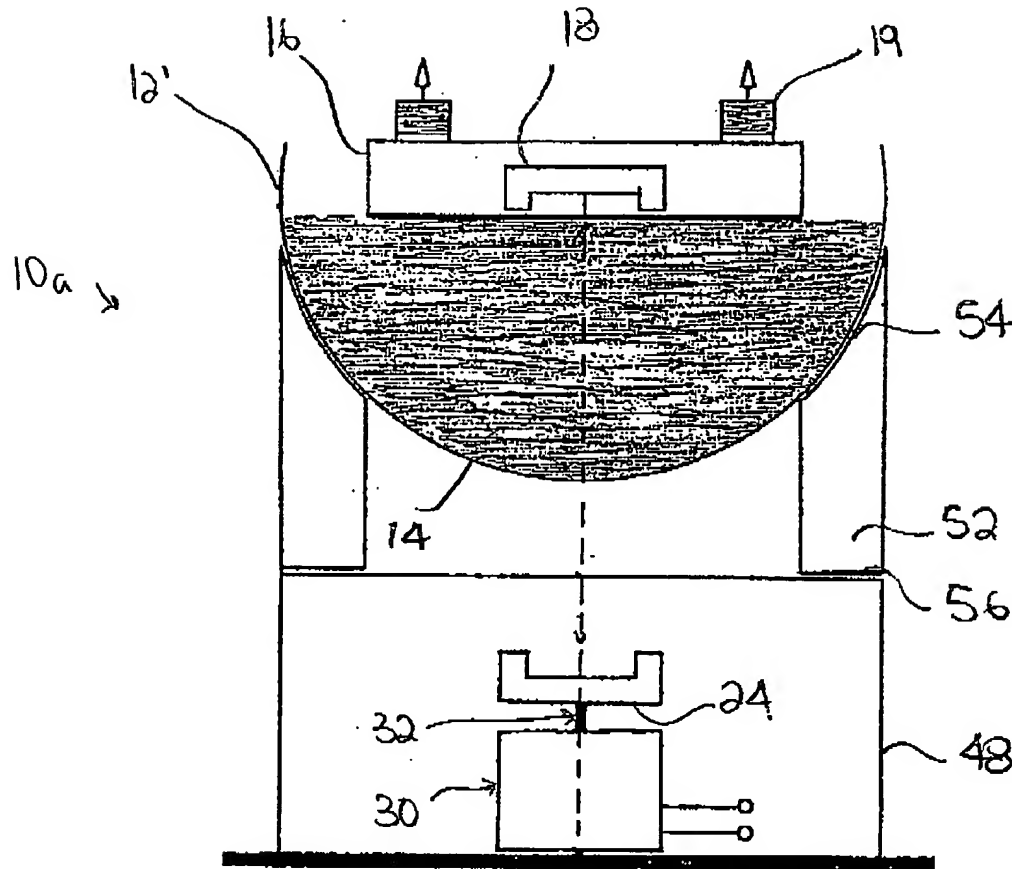


Fig. 6

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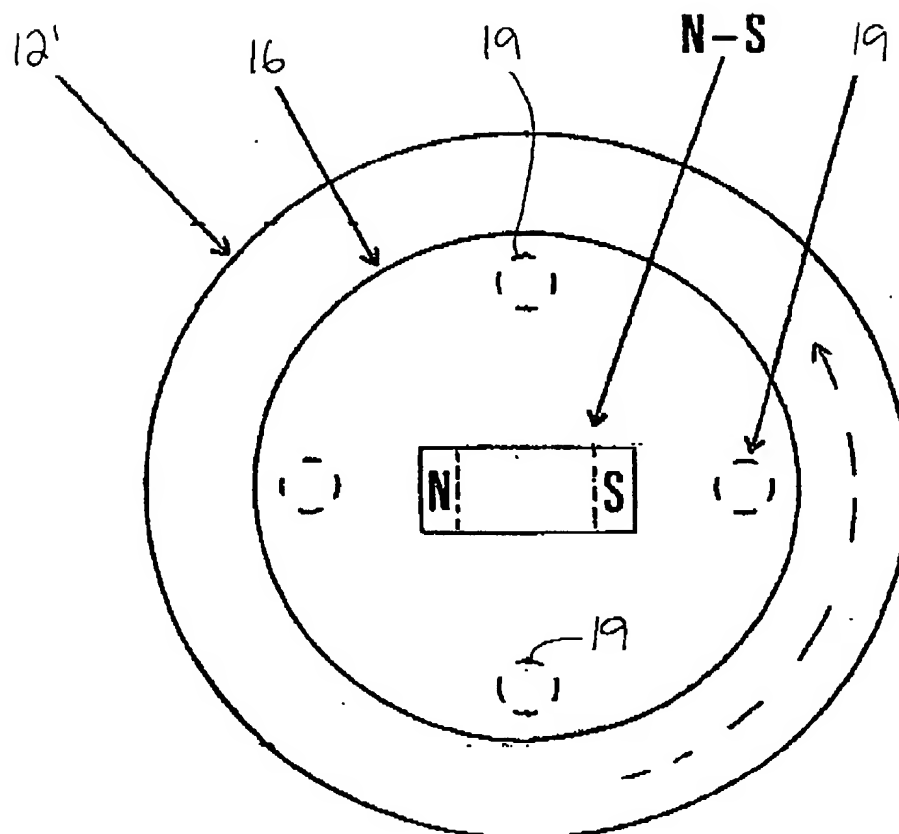


Fig. 7

- removed all wording and measurements
- identified all elements using numbers.

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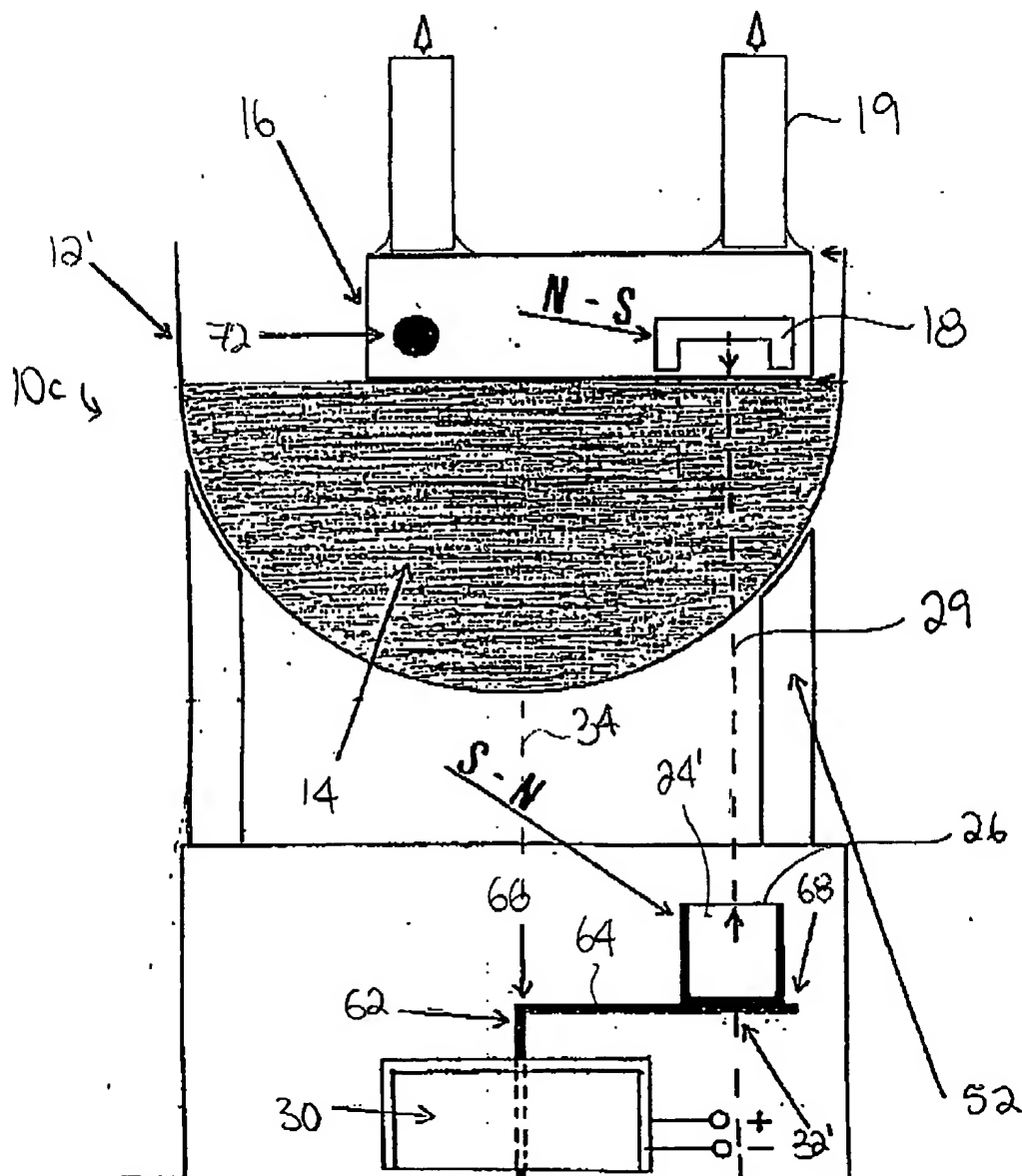
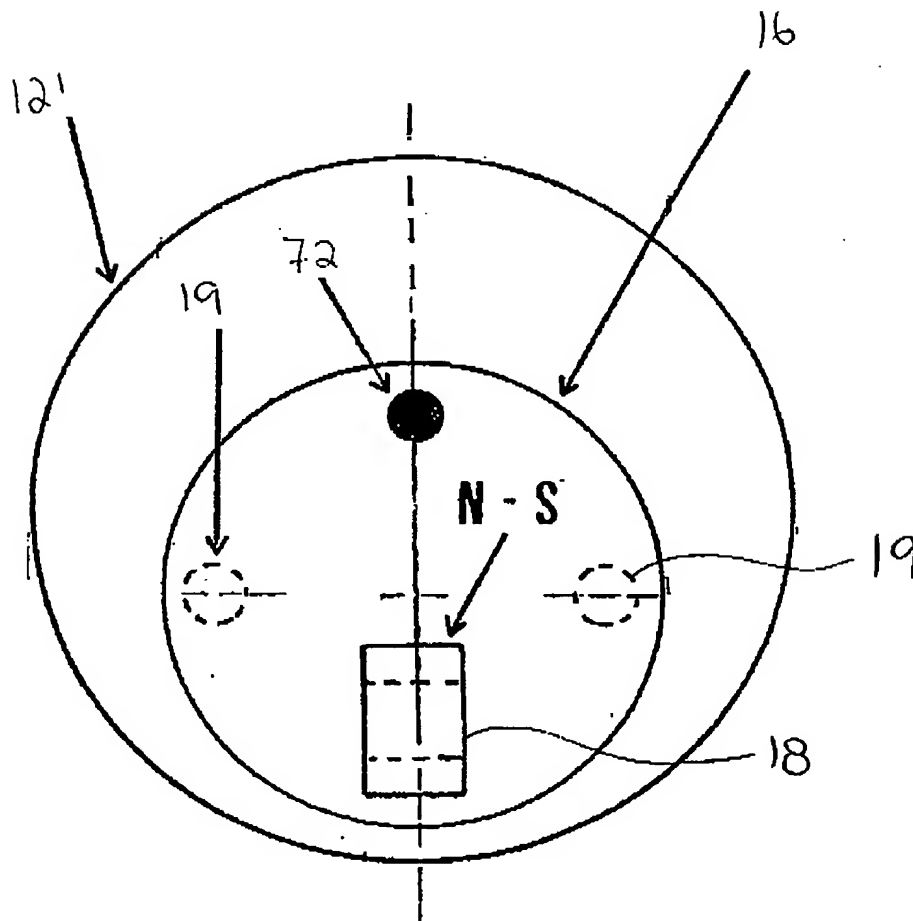


Fig. 8

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Fig. 9

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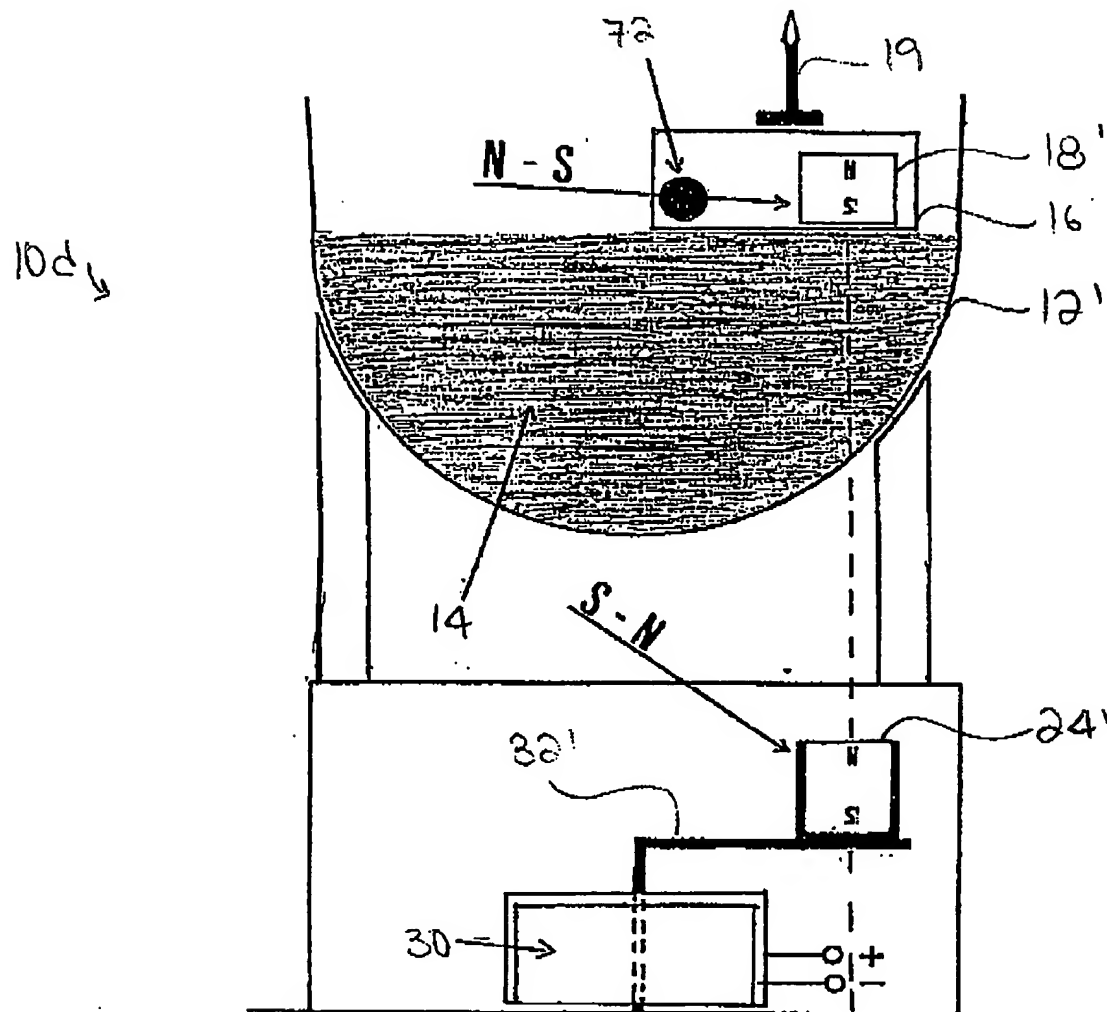


Fig. 10

- removed all wording & measurements
- identified all elements using numbers

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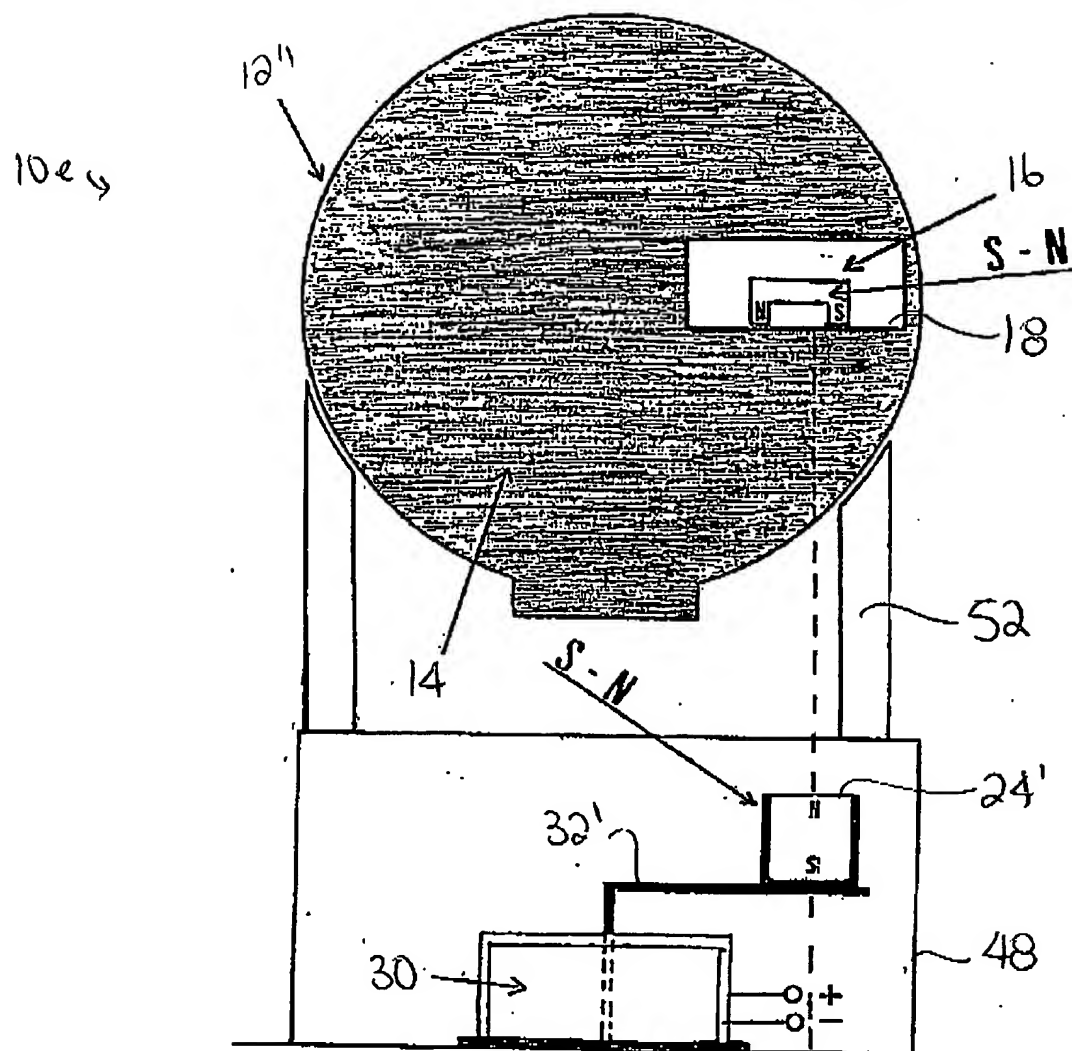
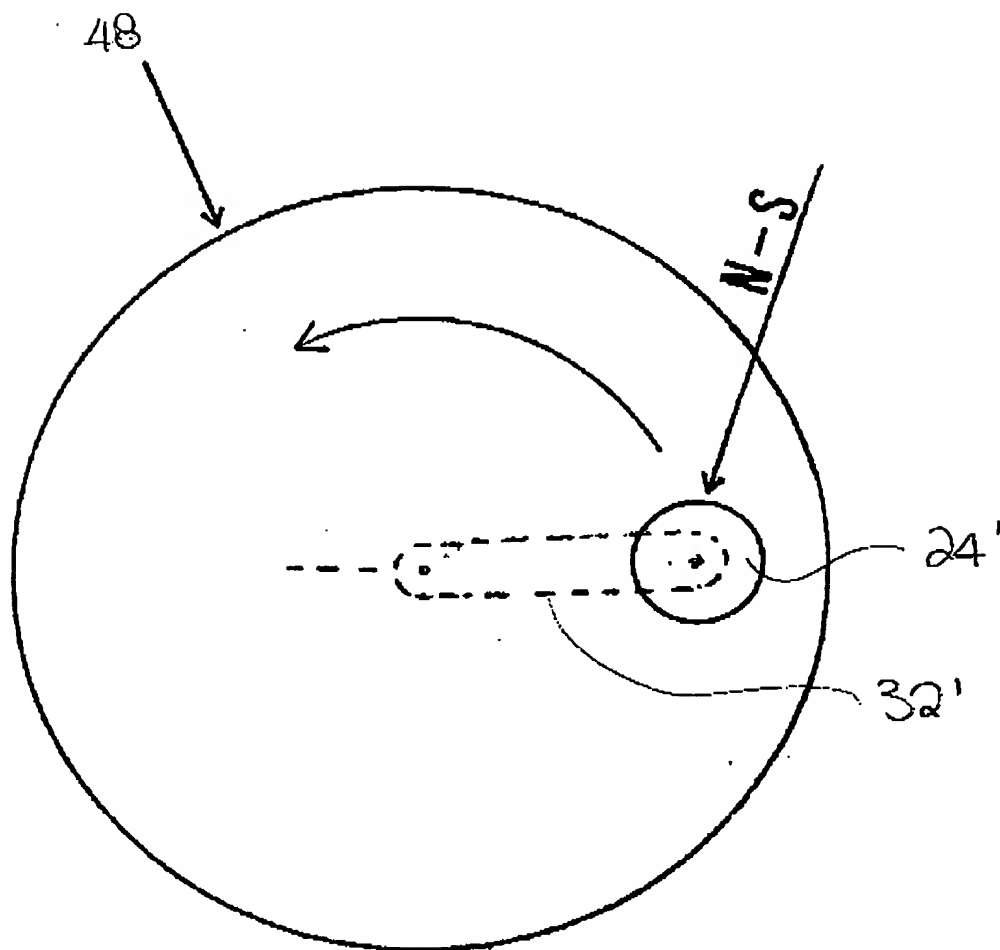


Fig. 11

- removed all wording
- identified all elements using numbers.

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using numbers.

Fig. 12

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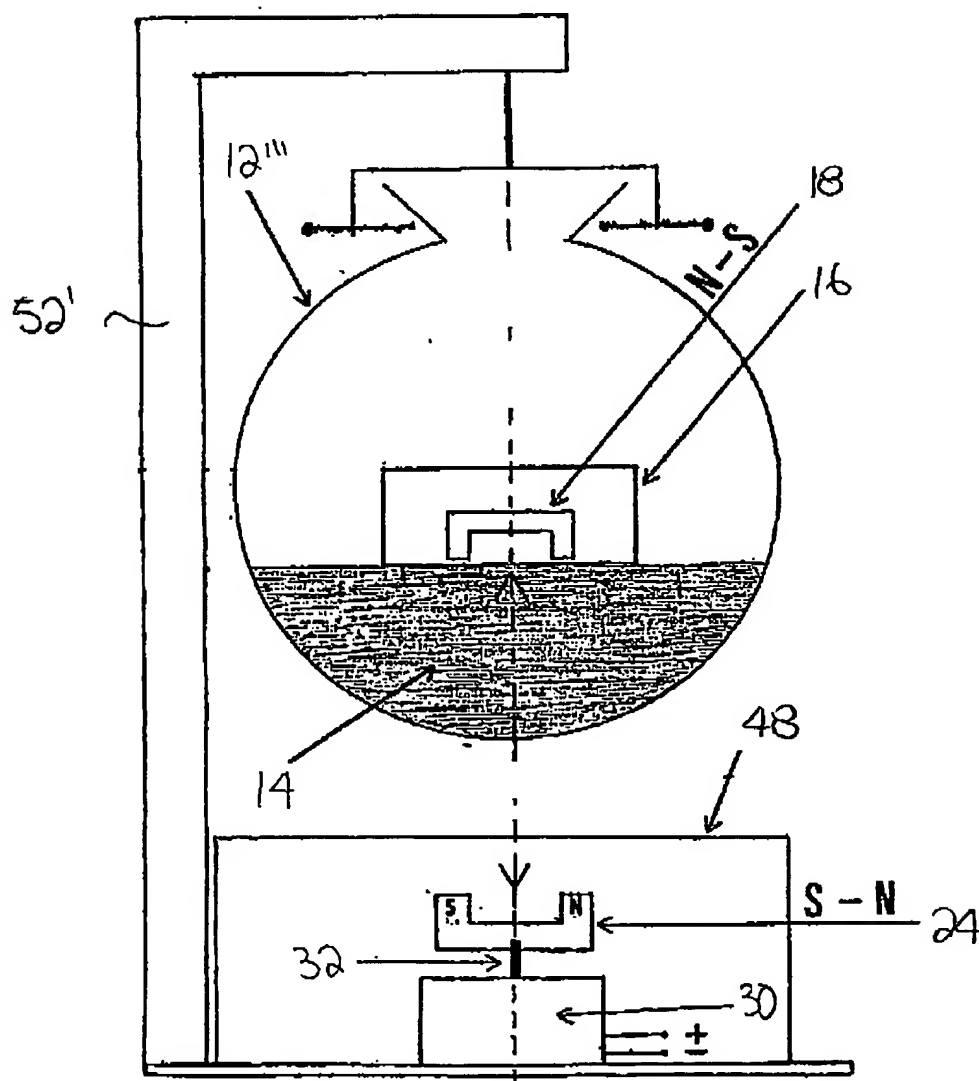


Fig. 13

• removed all wording & measurements
 • identified all elements using numbers

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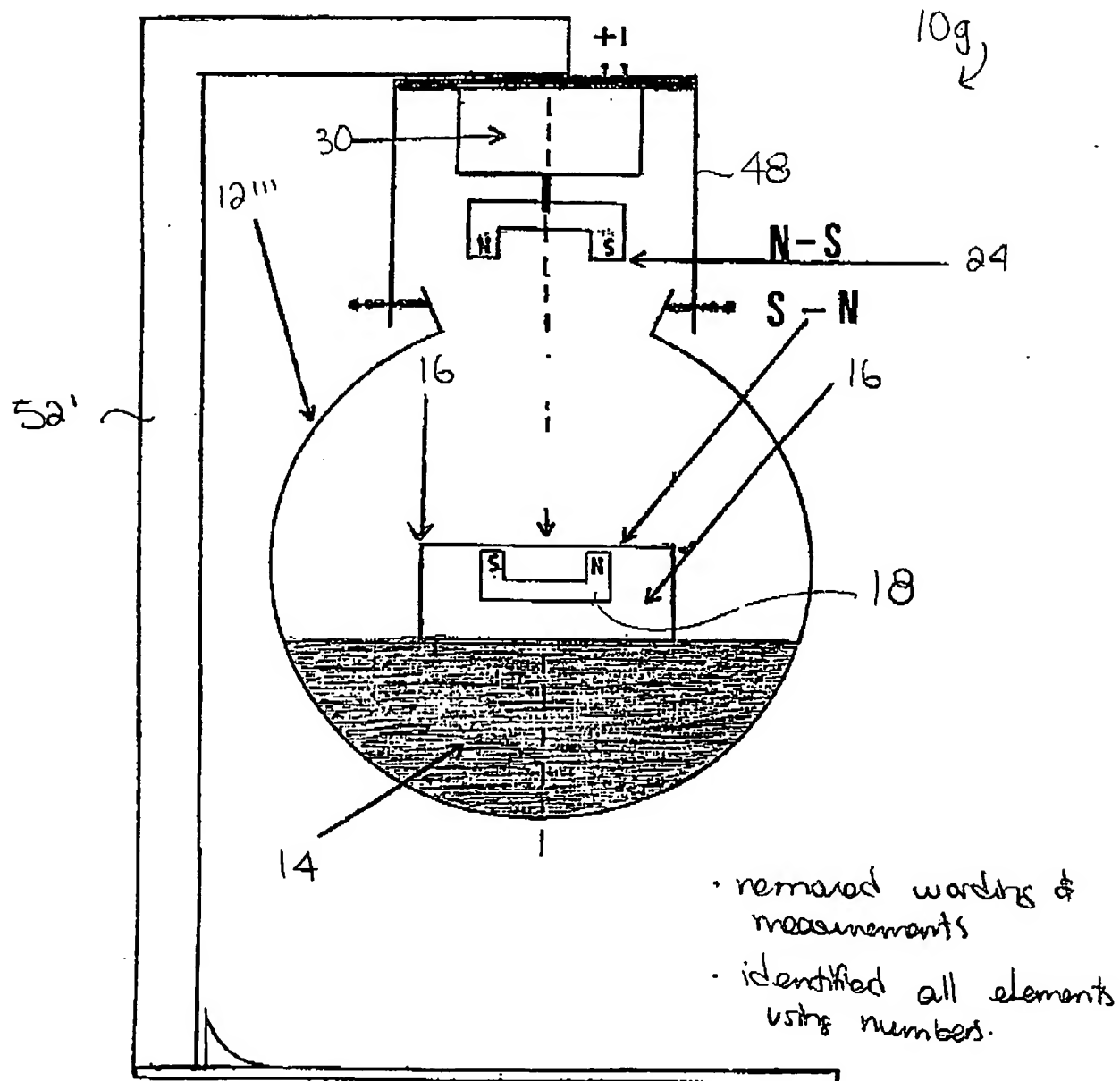


Fig. 14

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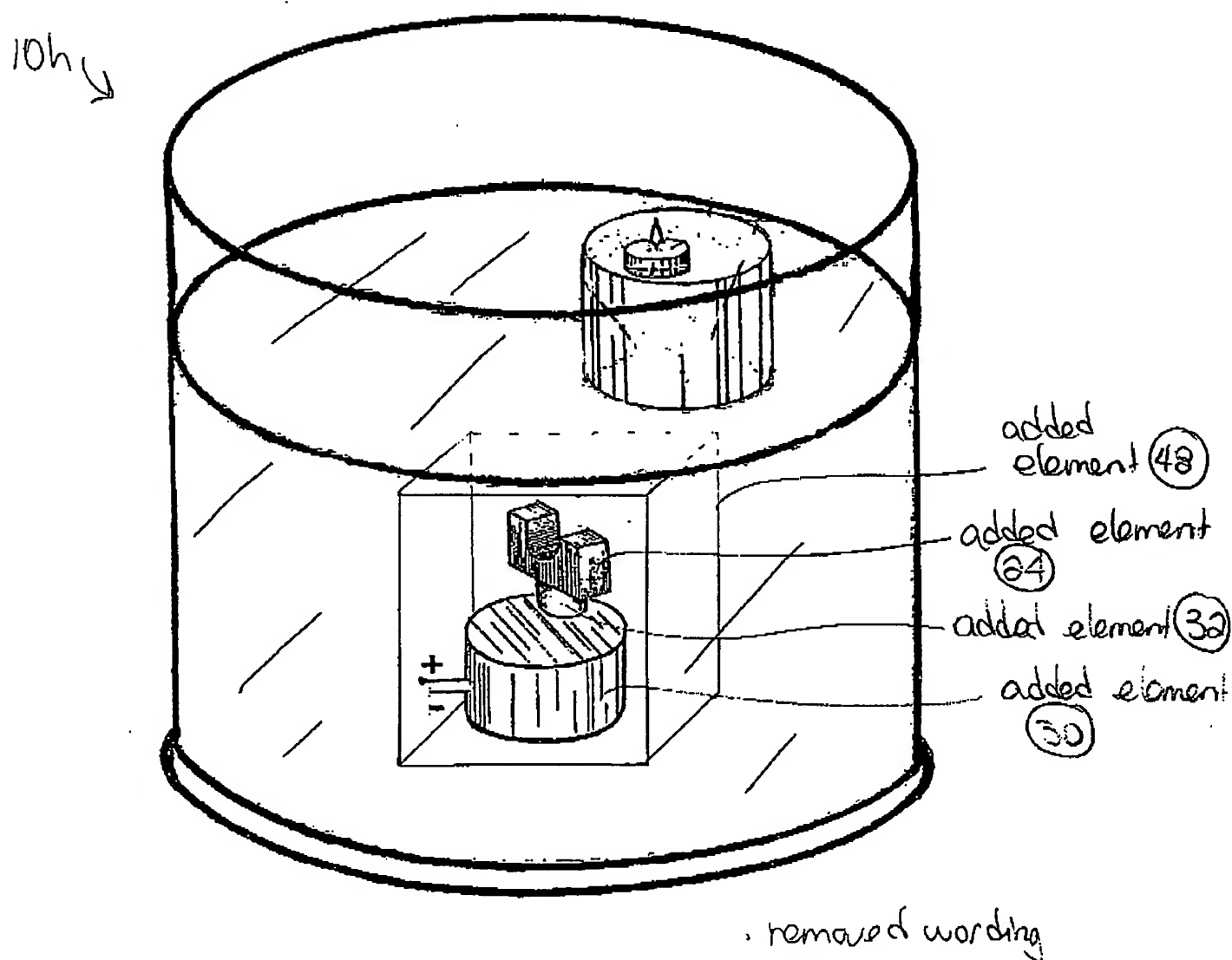


Fig. 15

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